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City gropings, near-abduction raise alarms

INVESTIGATION Police yesterday said they are seeking suspects following a trio of sexual assaults in Ottawa, including one Monday in which a man tried to abduct a woman in the city's west end.

Around 8:30 p.m., a woman walking on Basil MacDonald Way near Grant Carmen Drive was approached from behind and fondled by a man who then grabbed her and told her she was "coming with him," police reported.

The woman turned around and knocked the suspect's arm off her, causing him to run away.

The suspect is described as an unshaven white male, between the ages of 20-30 years. He is six feet tall with an athletic build, curly blond shoulder length hair and he was wearing a black tank top and white running shorts.

Two other incidents occurred around 6:30 p.m. on September 21 and 22. In both cases a male cyclist grabbed the buttocks of female joggers as he passed them on a pathway near the Riverside Hospital.

The suspect in those incidents is described as five-foot-seven with light brown skin, between 25-35 years old. He was clean-shaven and had a muscular build.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ottawa Police at 613-236-1222, ext. 5944.

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Leaders of the major political parties pose before the French leaders' debate yesterday in Ottawa. From left to right are NDP Leader Jack Layton, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, Green party Leader Elizabeth May and Liberal party Leader Stéphane Dion. Canadians will head to the polls in a federal election Oct. 14.

Rivals pile on PM in first of debates

The mood of the federal debate lightened somewhat last night when each party leader was asked to say something nice about the rival seated to their left.

It put Stéphane Dion, the standard-bearer for Canadian unity after the 1995 referendum, in the position of complimenting separatist Gilles Duceppe. Dion said he never questioned Duceppe's sincerity, although he fundamentally disagrees with separatist aims.

Elizabeth May turned to Stephen Harper and said,

"You are a good father" and called his children "charming." She also said she believed his efforts as prime minister "are based on your principles" but that she disagreed with the direction in which they would take Canada.

Otherwise, the French language debate last night at Ottawa's National Arts Centre was largely a four-on-one attack against Harper as his rivals attempted to put him on the defensive on matters ranging from the economy, to the arts, to health care and

Let's go again

• The English-language debate goes tonight, also at the NAC.

Afghanistan.

On the key question of the economy, Dion attacked him over his government's spending and tax cuts, saying Conservatives have left Canadians vulnerable and facing a credit crunch.

Harper fired back that his government has created jobs

and cut taxes while warning that the big-ticket election platforms of the opposition would cripple the economy. "In the end, we'll have a recession," Harper said.

"You propose, Stéphane to raise taxes with your carbon tax. It's a policy that will destroy the economy at this time," Harper told Dion.

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Arson probed as building burns again

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DOWNTOWN Arson investigators were called in yesterday to probe the second suspicious fire in two weeks at a downtown commercial building.

At 5:37 a.m., crews arrived at 275 Bank Street to battle a fire on the top floor of a four-storey building, said Platoon Chief David Stephenson. The fire was limited to the fourth floor and was under control within an hour, unlike the September 15 fire at the same building that caused an estimated \$4 million in damages.

"It was multiple sites last time, and this time, it was just the fourth floor and only one spot," said Stephenson.

There was fire damage to several offices and smoke damage to the entire floor, but there were no injuries since the building was vacant at the time.

The three-alarm fire brought 50 firefighters with 14 apparatus to the scene, said Stephenson.

He said the cause of the fire is still undetermined, but that "it's a police matter now."

Ottawa Police are now working with the Ontario Fire Marshal's office to determine a cause, said Staff Sergeant Leo Janveau.

"We treat every fire as suspicious until a cause has been determined," he said.

The building, which is located on the corner of Bank and Somerset Streets, houses the Bangladesh high commission and a military procurement agency, among other businesses and organizations.

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An SUV crashed into the living room of a Gatineau home after a female driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle left the road Tuesday afternoon and smashed through 45 Lessard Road and into an apartment beyond. The apartment was vacant at the time and the 33-year-old driver suffered minor injuries. **GATINEAU POLICE**

Ottawa



Bus route fixes delayed

Proposed service improvements to OC Transpo routes 2 and 3 are delayed for a month to give downtown businesses time to develop plans for alternate bus turnaround points. Some businesses had objected to proposed new turnaround points on Waller and Nicholas streets as part of a transit route-splitting plan.

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Rail plan standstill riles

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Frustrated by the apparent lack of progress on an intra-city rail link, a councillor fears the proposal is not being taken seriously.

Kitchissippi councillor Christine Leadman said she'd thought that her council colleague Alex Cullen, the transit chairman, had sent a letter of inquiry to VIA Rail about use of a rail link between the Ottawa and Fallowfield train stations months ago, but learned yesterday that hadn't happened.

"I think it is very obvious today that this is an issue that they are not taking seriously," she said. "The process that I was led to believe would happen did not happen."

But Cullen said since offering to write the letter, he discovered that discussions between councillor Jan Harder and VIA already existed.

"There is activity and there is a time and place for a letter coming from me, and I just want to make sure it happens at the right time and place," he said.

But Harder, the Bar-

"This is an issue that they are not taking seriously."

Christine Leadman

rhaven councillor, said most of the discussions with VIA have been between Mayor Larry O'Brien, who met with the president of VIA in August, and transit service director Alain Mercier. Harder said there are regulatory obstacles, but if they are overcome a line could be operational by next fall.

"I don't care that a letter hasn't gone off. I care that

it's going to happen," Harder said. "I am frustrated in that I don't think staff are taking it as seriously as it is meant to be, but I don't think a letter from Alex Cullen is going to change that."

Staff plan a meeting with VIA this month to discuss the city's transit plan and the potential Fallowfield connection will be discussed then, said deputy city manager Nancy Schepers.

VIA spokesman Malcolm Andrews declined comment on details of any talks between the city and VIA.

Cab chits cheaper than empty buses?

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A taxi coupon program that assists Para Transpo users could also help the city park a few nearly-empty buses that run on some late-night local routes, a councillor says.

The city's taxi coupon program is intended to free up Para Transpo services by having more ambulatory passengers use cabs rather than city vehicles.

But councillor Jacques Legendre said that expanding the program might help Ottawa reduce some sparsely used routes by giving late-night commuters a cab ride instead.

"They would get door-to-door service as part of a contract with OC Transpo, essentially for no additional fee at all. The benefit to us is that we would actual-

ly save money by not having (empty) buses rattling through the neighborhood," he said yesterday.

The coupon program has diverted 8,000 trips into taxis. Registered Para Transpo users can purchase \$40 in coupons for \$24 and redeem them for taxi service instead of calling para transit.

With the average cost of a Para Transpo trip pegged at \$28, the program's savings work out to slightly more than its budget of \$220,000.

An expanded program for certain times and routes could allow commuters to take taxis home from a transit station when needed, instead of running underused buses in the area. A reverse service, Legendre, said, could also bring people from their home to the nearest transit station.

An 'innocent, fragile' butterfly blitz

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Ottawans are invited to share in the magic of butterflies as Carleton University hosts its live butterfly show starting this weekend.

An estimated 10,000 people are expected at the show, which this year features more than 1,000 tropical butterflies of 30 different species.

They were shipped in - still in their chrysalises - from London, England, said Ed Bruggink, the greenhouse manager at Carleton University. "I try to get different species every year because we get repeat visitors," he said.

Bruggink, Carleton's greenhouse manager for 27 years, opened the first show in 1999 after visiting a similar event at Montreal Botanical Gardens.

"Butterflies are innocent, delicate, fragile and unique creatures. And they're an indication if something is wrong in the

Did you know?

- There are approximately 170,000 species of butterflies and moths.
- While moths are fatter and hairier, butterflies tend to be more colourful for survival reasons.

world, environmentally."

The tropical butterflies featured in the show have a life span of about three weeks. But for that time, they're living in paradise as they fly free in the Nesbitt Biology Building's greenhouse.

Jaclyn Bowen said the show is an ideal introduction to butterfly species from around the world. "This is a great way for people to develop appreciation and have a better understanding of insects," said Bowen, a third-year PhD student.

Admission for the butterfly show is by voluntary donation. The show is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Saturday through Thanksgiving Monday.



A butterfly pays PhD student Jaclyn Bowen an unexpected visit at Carleton University's greenhouse yesterday. The university's annual live butterfly show starts on Saturday and runs through Thanksgiving Monday.

Drug sweep nets dealers

BUST Pharmacies and clinics may see an increase in patients seeking narcotics after a blitz on crack dealers in the ByWard Market area resulted in 65 arrests, the city's police chief says.

"Many people who are dealing with drug addiction cannot access drugs through their regular source," said Chief Vern White.

As part of Project Angler, 64 adults and one young offender were arrested. A total of 232 Criminal Code charges were laid for trafficking controlled substances, possession of proceeds of crime, breaching conditions on existing charges, and others.

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What's online today.

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Muslims gather at Civic Centre to celebrate Eid

Yesterday marked Eid, the end of Ramadan. Ottawa's 50,000-strong Muslim community spent the last month fasting during the day. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

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Candidates pledge help for housing at shelter

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Local candidates from four parties pledged to help Ottawa's homeless through increased funding and supportive housing if elected.

Six candidates, including Liberal Mauril Belanger, New Democrats Paul Dewar and Trevor Hache, Green Party candidates Akbar Manoussi and Frances Coates, and Canadian Action Party candidate Michel St. Onge had lunch yesterday with clients at the Shepherds of Good Hope before making their pledges to the Alliance to End Homelessness.

Belanger said the Liberals want to "tackle the root causes of poverty," as well as reduce homelessness in adults and children.

It was the kind of response Shepherds of Good Hope executive director Paul Soucie hoped to hear as the shelter struggles to meet demand.

"Last night, we had 30 people sleep on the floor in the chapel and in the dining room because there was no room at the inn," Soucie said.

The underlying reason for homelessness is simple, he said. "The cost of housing is too high and their incomes are too low."

The NDP candidates positioned their party's plan to address the "affordable housing crisis" as most effective.

"The country's shelters need sustained funding and more affordable housing," said Dewar.

The NDP would put more money into supportive housing and ensure money given to people in need at one level isn't taken away at another level, he said.

Election 2008**News in brief**

BUST Ottawa police are being tight-lipped about their role in helping their Alberta counterparts investigate Ottawa-based gangs operating in Calgary. A Calgary sting netted guns, drugs and cash and resulted in 250 charges, with police saying 34 people charged are affiliated with Ottawa-based gangs. Last month, city police assisted with a Calgary investigation after Abdullah Hussein, a known Ottawa gang member, was shot and killed at a reggae party. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

Riding profile: Ottawa-Orleans

In the lead-up to the Oct. 14 federal election, Metro Ottawa will offer snapshots of local riding races. Today: Ottawa-Orleans.

The Ottawa-Orleans riding covers the east part of the city, mostly outside the Greenbelt. Its boundaries are Highway 417 on the west and south, the Ottawa River to the north, and Boundary and Trim

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roads to the east. The riding has a population of 110,000 with 82,891 registered voters.

Although English is the prevalent language, around 30 per cent of the population list French as their first language.

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**Royal Galipeau****AGE: 61****PARTY: Conservative****POSITION: Incumbent MP. He has represented the riding since 2006.****SIGNIFICANT ISSUE: Transit, environment**

"The Conservative government has already promised secured funding of \$200 million to support the overall Ottawa Transit Plan. I support increasing funding beyond this amount. We have also taken the lead on environmental stewardship and introduced a plan to reduce, by 20 per cent, greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 and cut air pollution in half by 2015, as well as creating a \$2-billion ecoENERGY Initiative, a \$1.5 billion trust for clean air and climate, and a \$300-million Chemicals Management Plan."

**Mark Godbout****AGE: 57****PARTY: Liberal****POSITION: Represented the riding from 2004 to 2006.****SIGNIFICANT ISSUE: Transportation and federal jobs.**

"People want light rail from Trim Road to downtown, not Blair Station. They want Highway 174 fixed because it's a parking lot. We need federal buildings in this riding because we want our fair share of federal activity and we're not getting it. We have the highest percentage of civil servants living in Orleans, and when you are contemplating moving federal buildings you should look where your employees live. Child care is also a big issue. We also have lots of young families who have to put their name on a waiting list for day-care spaces."

**Amy O'Dell****AGE: 28****PARTY: New Democratic****POSITION: A teacher and employment counsellor with the Orleans youth services bureau.****SIGNIFICANT ISSUE: Transit.**

"We need to make transit attractive and affordable to people because most commuters are relying on their vehicles and traffic is just a mess out there during rush hour. The NDP has announced that one cent per litre of the gas tax would be devoted to public transit, so we need to make sure that goes to improving public transit and making sure municipalities can afford to run public transit, because right now the prices just keep rising."

**Paul Maillet****AGE: 60****PARTY: Green****POSITION: Retired Air Force colonel, government consultant.****SIGNIFICANT ISSUE: Support for families.**

"The business of Ottawa Orleans is families, and so there are three issues that go with that. There is quality of life — health, education and security. The next issue is transportation. We are a riding that lives here and works elsewhere and there is a growing traffic problem. Finally there are jobs. We would like to look at bringing in some resident-friendly jobs for Orleans."



La Cache 
by

April Cornell

The Bank street location is continuing its liquidation sale.

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The Ontario commissioner who probed mistakes in 20 child-death investigations is concerned that wrongful convictions may have occurred in other cases and is urging the province to take a second look at myriad child deaths dating back 20 years. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Canada

St. John's comes home

HMCs St. John's returned to Halifax yesterday after completing its involvement in Operation Horatio, a relief effort in Haiti which delivered more than 450 metric tons of rice, corn-soya meal, bottled water, water purification tablets and other relief supplies over a 13-day period. The ship's Sea King helicopter delivered more than 300 cargo loads. **METRO CANADA**

Couillard's tell-all latest Tory trouble

BERNIER Prime Minister Stephen Harper, already on the defensive amid charges of plagiarism, faced the prospect of fresh embarrassment yesterday over a new book that paints an unflattering portrait of

Resigned

Bernier resigned in May after admitting he had left secret documents in Couillard's apartment.

former foreign affairs minister Maxime Bernier. In the book, Julie Couillard, Bernier's ex-girlfriend, says the

minister was not concerned over the possible Quebec secession and was opposed to sending Canadian troops to Afghanistan. The book will hit shelves in Quebec next Monday and is likely to draw voter attention. **REUTERS**

VANOC lawsuit grows

Female ski jumpers add first Canadian to Olympic suit

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

The list of female ski jumpers suing VANOC for barring them from competing in the 2010 Games became a little longer yesterday when the first active Canadian jumper added her name to the suit.

Zoya Lynch, 17, and nine jumpers from the United States, Europe and one retired Canadian, allege VANOC is violating Canada's Charter of Rights by not letting their sport, for which there is a men's component, into the Olympics.

VANOC has maintained that the suit is aimed at the wrong target and that it's



Ski jumper Zoya Lynch, 17, with her lawyer Ross Clark outside the B.C. Court of Appeals in Vancouver yesterday.

up to the International Olympic Committee to make this decision.

Lynch, who has been jumping since she was eight, said she's lost faith in VANOC and the Canadian government.

"It's hard to focus on school and being an elite athlete as well as trying to get my sport into the Olympics," she said.

"I don't want to stand on the sidelines watching the boys. I put every single sec-

Reasoning

• VANOC and the IOC say there aren't enough elite female jumpers internationally to justify the sport's addition to the 2010 roster.

ond of my life into this."

Lynch's mother, Sarah Lynch, said she raised her daughter to believe that her gender would never stand in the way of her dreams and goals.

"Women have been brought up to believe they can do anything they like," she said. "We want these Olympics to be the best Olympics ever, and to be the first gender-equal Olympics in history."

Ontario puts a price on fairness

MCGUINITY The cost of fairness for Ontario is \$11.8 billion.

So says Premier Dalton McGuinty, who yesterday revealed how much he'd like to shrink the gap between what Ontarians send to Ottawa and is returned in federal services and transfer payments.

Armed with a report by TD Bank chief economist Don Drummond, the premier said, "If we had \$11.8 billion here, right now, we wouldn't be talking about a struggling economy." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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HALIFAX Nova Scotia's auditor general says the RCMP should investigate irregularities uncovered in an audit of the province's controversial immigration mentorship program. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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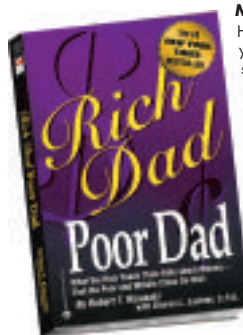
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Big and small

The largest electoral district in Canada is Nunavut, with 2,093,190 square kilometres. The smallest electoral district is Papineau, with nine square kilometres. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Angst at ballot box

Poll shows Canadians leery of handing Tories a majority

On the Hustings

Andrew Cohen

Election insight and analysis

Among the blizzard of polls appearing every day of this campaign, the most intriguing may be this one: 52 per cent of Canadians worry about giving the Conservatives a majority.

They appear to be concerned about handing the government carte blanche, four or five years of unfettered, unchecked government.

In other words, the Conservatives unbound. Stephen Harper unplugged. Any leader's fantasy.

If this kind of anxiety exists in Canada, it's because

52 per cent of Canadians think the Conservatives would surprise or anger them with what they would do with a majority. That might mean cutting funding to the CBC or revisiting the legalization of abortion or the ban on capital punishment, which social conservatives dislike.

But if the second part of this poll is correct, this concern doesn't mean much. Asked whether they would change their vote to stop a Conservative majority, 81 per cent said no.

Apparently, then, the prospect of a Conservative majority doesn't disturb Canadians as much as it did in 2006, when the Conservatives were held to a minority, or in 2004, when they lost. Both times the Liberals argued that the Conservatives had "a secret agenda" and couldn't be trusted with a majority. Their "fear-mongering" seemed to have



worked.

Now, if it is true that half of Canadians "worry" about a majority but four-fifths would do nothing to prevent it — such as strategic voting — the dynamic of this campaign may have decisively shifted.

This may explain why the Conservatives began the campaign predicting that they would win only a minority, reluctant to raise the prospect of a majority. Worried about driving frightened voters to the Liberals, they sought to lower expectations, hoping that a polarized electorate would deliv-

er their majority on Oct. 14.

But they're less shy now. If Harper is wary of using the "M" word too much, he is unafraid to ask for a stronger "mandate" to free his government from the scrutiny of those left-of-centre parties in Parliament.

He has reason to be confident. While no polls show him winning more than 40 per cent of the vote, the level usually necessary for a majority in Parliament, he remains at least 10 points ahead of the Liberals.

Fundamentally, Canadians may not like Stephen Harper, and they may not trust him with a majority, which is why he can't crack 40 per cent. But in dutifully distributing their votes among a fractured four-party opposition, they may give him his wish anyway.

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Watchdog to file motion against vote

The current federal election is illegal because Prime Minister Stephen

Peter Rosenthal, a lawyer for Democracy Watch, will be submitting comments

from key figures in the Conservative government that the intention of the fixed election date law is to prevent the prime minister from asking the Governor General to dissolve Parliament

unless it loses a non-confidence vote. "The House wasn't even sitting when the prime minister advised her," said Rosenthal.

Elections Act

- An amendment to the Canada Elections Act stating each general election must be held on the third Monday of October every four years became law in May 2007. And promises of fixed election dates were a major part of the Conservative's 2006 election platform.

democracy. Democracy Watch is filing a motion before a federal judge in Ottawa asking the court to hear its arguments that the election is illegal because the prime minister asked the Governor General to dissolve Parliament and call an election before October 2009, the date the election should have been held as set down in the Canada Elections Act.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

12 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Tony Clement hopes to improve his 2006 28-vote victory. Watch at metronews.ca/canada



Quebecers set up anti-Harper website. Watch at metronews.ca/canada



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World



Adventurer's ID discovered

Hikers in a remote area of California have found clothing and aviation identification cards belonging to millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, presumed dead after his plane went missing a year ago, police said yesterday. Fossett's family was monitoring developments as authorities in the area where the items were found rushed to set up a command post to search for wreckage of his plane. REUTERS

121 arrested in child porn raid

CRIME Spanish police have arrested 121 people in the country's biggest child pornography raid, seizing equipment containing millions of images, including some of the suspects' own family members, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

Working in co-operation with police in Brazil, 800 Spanish police raided 210 homes across the country to smash a network swapping files, the ministry said in a news release.

Court won't budge on rape execution

RULING The U.S. Supreme Court rejected yesterday a request by Louisiana and the Bush administration to revisit its recent ruling that outlawed the death penalty for those convicted of raping a child.

The state and the Justice Department had asked the high court to take the rare step of reconsidering its decision because they neglected to tell the court that Congress in 2006 had made child rape a capital offence under U.S. military law.

Russia spends big to replace losses

FUNDING Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said yesterday the government would allot an extra 80 billion roubles (\$3.13 billion US) next year to buy new weapons and partly offset Moscow's losses during a brief war in Georgia.

The figure gives a clue as to how much the August conflict may have cost Russia's budget coffers.

REUTERS

News in brief

HEALTH Computer software designed to look for breast tumours can read mammograms nearly as well as an extra pair of human eyes, according to a study published yesterday that could change the way the X-rays are read.

REUTERS

Bailout clears Senate hurdle

\$700 billion Wall Street aid package now heads back to U.S. House

A \$700 billion US financial industry bailout was approved by the Senate last night and headed back to the U.S. House where leaders, stung by a rejection that rocked markets Monday, were cautiously optimistic it would pass in coming days.

"We are working very hard to see if we can pass a plan that will stabilize our economy," House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said before the Senate overwhelmingly passed the bill.

The Maryland Democrat said he expected the House to take up the bill tomorrow and that he thought some of the changes made in the Senate would help attract more Republicans.

"We need 100 Republican votes to pass this. We didn't get them on Monday. Hopefully the Republican leadership will be able to get their members to support it this time around," Hoyer said.

The Senate voted 74-25 for the legislation after adding a \$150-billion pack-

Bush piling on pressure

• President George W. Bush, while expressing confidence in the bill's fate this time around, pressed his case, warning law-

makers the measure was needed "so as to stabilize this (economic) situation so that it doesn't get worse."

age of tax breaks for businesses and alternative energy development. The package also includes alternative minimum tax relief for some 24 million mostly middle-class taxpayers.

Following the vote, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat,

told reporters he expected the House to approve the bill.

Senate leaders hope that sweetening the bailout plan with tax breaks and a provision to increase bank deposit insurance to \$250,000 from \$100,000 will help win more Republican support in the

House, which rejected the bailout in a stunning 228-205 defeat on Monday.

But the Senate move ruffled some House Democrats who had voted for the bailout plan, including Charles Rangel, who heads the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. The House had passed its own version of the package that extends a number of expired and expiring tax breaks and, unlike the Senate, included more revenue-raising measures to cover the cost to the Treasury. REUTERS

Birthday Gandhi fondly remembered



Children dressed as Indian spiritual and political leader Mahatma Gandhi pose on the eve of the 139th anniversary of his birth yesterday in the northern city of Lucknow. Gandhi's birthday is a national holiday in India and is recognized by the UN as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Study pushes origin of AIDS back to 1908

HEALTH The deadly AIDS virus first began spreading among humans at the turn of the 20th century in sub-Saharan Africa, just as modern cities were emerging in the region, U.S. researchers said yesterday.

The finding pushes back the origin of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) by several decades, they reported in the journal Nature.

Researchers think the growth of cities — and high-risk behaviour associated with urban life — may have helped the virus to flourish. There is no cure for AIDS, which is most commonly transmitted through sexual contact.

Prior estimates put the origin of HIV at 1930. But Michael Worobey of the University of Arizona in Tucson now believes HIV began infecting humans between 1884 and 1924.

The research is based on 48-year-old gene fragments dug from a wax-embedded lymph node from a woman in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire.

Proof is in the...

• Research from chimpanzee droppings suggests the virus first spread from chimps to humans in southeastern Cameroon. University of Arizona researcher Michael Worobey thinks the disease spread slowly among the local population until one of the infected people went to Kinshasa, where it had more opportunity to spread.

The 1960 sample is the second-oldest genetic sequence of HIV-1 group M, the main strain of the virus responsible for the AIDS pandemic.

The oldest sequence came from a 1959 blood sample given by a man in Kinshasa, formerly known as Leopoldville.

"Once you have two you can line them up and compare them," Worobey said in a telephone interview.

"Once you do that, you see these two sequences are very different. That means the virus had already been there for a long time, even by 1959 or 1960." REUTERS

France denies plan for huge EU rescue package

ECONOMICS French Economy Minister Christine Lagarde denied yesterday that France was planning a 300 billion euro (\$424.4 billion US) EU bank rescue package.

Earlier yesterday, a European Union government

source had said that France was planning to propose the EU rescue package for banks.

Asked about the report, Lagarde said: "There is no such thing. There is nothing of the sort."

Speaking later to the

BBC, Lagarde again denied any bailout plan, but said she wanted a level playing field among EU countries when it came to accounting rules, as well as tighter regulation of hedge funds and credit ratings agencies.

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GE to raise \$15 billion US, with a little help from billionaire Buffett

General Electric Co. plans to raise \$15 billion US through stock sales — including a \$3-billion US preferred stake for Warren Buffett that follows his Goldman Sachs investment last week — to improve liquidity and increase acquisition options. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Canada's auto industry sputtering

Canada's sputtering auto industry faces more serious trouble as sales in its key U.S. market continue plunging.

"If conditions don't change, there will be a lot of blood on the floor here very soon," Gerald Fedchun, president of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association, warned last night after seeing the latest gloomy U.S. sales numbers.

Canada exports more than 80 per cent of its vehicle production and 60 per cent of parts output to the U.S., where sales declines are worsening each month.

In September, U.S. auto sales crashed 27 per cent or more than 350,000 vehicles to 965,160 from the same month last year. Sales south of the border are down almost 13 per cent in the first three quarters of the year.

The steep declines overshadowed an improvement in the Canadian market.

"If conditions don't change soon, there will be a lot of blood on the floor."

Gerald Fedchun

Sales climbed 1.7 per cent or about 2,300 to 134,131 vehicles last month.

But in the U.S., their losses were far worse. Ford's sales tumbled 34 per cent last month; Chrysler's down 33 per cent; Toyota's slid 32.3 per cent; Honda's dropped 24 per cent and GM's fell 15.6 per cent. All five automakers operate assembly plants in Canada.

"When there are no customers and no production, substantial layoffs have to come," said Fedchun.

Furthermore, credit restrictions have turned into a bigger obstacle for consumers buying vehicles, noted one industry analyst.

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Financial crisis Russian crunch



Alexei Ulyukayev, first deputy head of the Russian central bank, attends a business conference in Moscow yesterday. The global financial crisis will last another 15 months and external debt financing in that period will be difficult, "if not impossible," the first deputy head of the Russian central bank said.

Business in brief

FINE The European Commission fined nine petrochemicals companies a total of \$955 million US yesterday for forming a "paraffin mafia" to fix prices for paraffin wax, which is used to make a wide range of household and industrial products.

MARKETS IBM shares tumbled 6 per cent yesterday, their biggest drop in three years, on concern the computer services company's results missed analysts' targets in the quarter that ended Sept. 30. The results will be announced Oct. 16. **REUTERS**

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Water bottle deposit planned

WATER Amid consumer and municipality pressure to reduce litter and promote recycling, Canadian bottled water supplier Canadian Springs says it will voluntarily introduce a refundable, half-litre plastic bottle.

The company will start collecting a 25 cent deposit on all 500 ml bottles as of Jan. 1. It says the deposit-for-refund system is the best way to reduce waste.

But rival companies say funding the Blue Box recycling program works just fine.

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Wireless wannabe immune to crisis

WIRELESS Despite the impact the financial crisis is having on companies' abilities to secure financing, Anthony Lacavera, the CEO of Globalive Communications Corp., says his company's bid to become the country's fourth national wireless player is right on track.

He says Globalive will not be delaying its deployment plan for mid-2009, since its \$700-million US in backing comes from Egypt's experienced wireless provider Orascom Telecom.

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Britain's manufacturing sector shrank last month as levels of output, new orders and employment saw unprecedented declines. It fuelled talk that Britain is headed into a recession and that the Bank of England will cut interest rates next week. **REUTERS**

First Nations blockades halt pipeline construction

Enbridge Inc. said yesterday native blockades in Saskatchewan have forced the company to halt most construction on its \$3 billion Alberta Clipper pipeline project.

First Nations bands in Saskatchewan blockaded construction of the line, which will carry 450,000

barrels of oil sands crude from Hardisty, Alta., to Superior, Wis., in two locations: just outside the provincial capital of Regina and near Kerrobert, in western Saskatchewan.

"These demonstrations have restricted access to our heavy equipment coming and going from staging

"We are working very hard in discussions with the First Nations to get this resolved as quickly as possible."

Glenn Herchak, Enbridge spokesman

sites," said Glenn Herchak, a spokesman for Enbridge, Canada's No. 2 pipeline firm.

"We are working very hard in discussions with the First Nations to get this resolved as quickly as

possible."

The blockade near Regina has been in place since Sunday, while Kerrobert was blocked a day later.

Light work is still going on along the pipeline's right of way.

Herchak said the First Nations aboriginal groups are looking for greater ac-

cess to contracts to provide goods and services for the line's construction. The blockading groups could not be immediately reached for comment.

Construction on the Alberta Clipper line began in August and it is slated to be in service by the middle of 2010. **REUTERS**

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Hollywood studios nail new cinema screen deal

FILM Five Hollywood studios have reached a long-sought financing deal estimated at over \$1 billion US with a group of theatre exhibitors to digitally upgrade 20,000 U.S. and Canadian cinema screens.

Travis Reid, chief executive officer of the Digital Cinema Implementation Partners (DCIP), formed by Regal Entertainment Group, Cinemark Holdings Inc and AMC Entertainment Inc, told Reuters that Blackstone Group LP and JPMorgan Chase & Co. would lead the financing.

Studios involved in the deal include Walt Disney Co., Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures, News Corp.'s Twentieth Century Fox, General Electric Co.'s Universal Pictures and Lions Gate Entertainment Corp.

"Our initial goal is to convert the existing theatres of our owners, AMC and Cinemark, and Regal, which operate a little over 14,000 screens in the U.S. and Canada," Reid said, noting he expected an additional 6,000 screens could also be converted during the upgrade, which begins in 2009 and will take 3 to 3-1/2 years.

It costs around \$70,000 US to outfit a screen with digital projectors, he said.

REUTERS

Going digital

Digital cinema offers a potential solution to declining movie attendance at a lower ongoing cost. The industry is hoping the long-sought digital cinema deal will boost attendance, cut costs and enable more 3-D viewing.

In brief

VENTURES A venture capitalist trade group says the sector is struggling to find takers for their companies in the third quarter, as the financial crisis makes investors jittery and established companies cautious about buying start-ups. **REUTERS**

Abdur-Rahim named Kings' assistant coach

The Sacramento Kings named the recently-retired Shareef Abdur-Rahim as an assistant coach yesterday. A 12-year NBA veteran, most currently with the Sacramento Kings, he announced his retirement due to a reoccurring knee injury. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports



Henry held on drug charges

Former NFL running back Travis Henry has been arrested on federal cocaine charges. Henry, along with James Mack, was arrested yesterday after a multi-kilogram cocaine transaction that occurred in Centennial, Colorado. Both subjects are being held pending the filing of federal drug charges in U.S. District Court in Denver. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Hamels mangles Brewers

Phillies 3 Brewers 1

Cole Hamels hurled eight shutout innings as Philadelphia downed Milwaukee, 3-1, in Game 1 of their National League Division Series at Citizens Bank Park.

Hamels (1-0) used great location and a dominating change-up to keep an undisciplined Brewers lineup off-balance throughout. He allowed just two hits and one walk while striking out nine batters. The left-hander retired the first 14 batters he faced before Corey Hart lined a clean single to right with two outs in the fifth inning.

"Obviously his power changeup is as good as there is in baseball from any left-hander," Brewers manager Dave Sveum said. "And he had a pretty decent breaking ball, even though he didn't throw it a lot, but it's probably the best breaking ball we've seen in a while from what



Cole Hamels of the Philadelphia Phillies delivers in Game 1 of the NLDS Playoff against the Milwaukee Brewers at Citizens Bank Ballpark yesterday in Philadelphia.

we've seen in our scouting reports and stuff. But, I mean, that changeup is as good as I've seen before and obviously he had everything working today.

Phillies closer Brad Lidge struggled mightily in the

ninth, however, and surrendered a run before allowing the tying runs to reach second and third with two outs.

The flame-thrower then fanned Hart to end the contest.

Dodgers 7 Cubs 2

James Loney clubbed a two-out grand slam in the fifth inning and Manny Ramirez homered in the seventh as the Los Angeles

Dodgers beat the Chicago Cubs 7-2 in the opener of their National League Division Series.

Russell Martin, who grew up in Chelsea, Que., also hit a solo shot in the ninth for the Dodgers, who took advantage of eight walks, including three in the decisive fifth inning, to post their second playoff victory (2-12) since winning the 1988 World Series. Casey Blake added an RBI single in the eighth.

Ryan Dempster, of Gibsons, B.C., (0-1) was charged with seven of the walks, as he yielded four hits and four runs in 4½ innings for the Cubs. It's been 100 years since they last won a World Series title. They were swept in the first round of the 2007 playoffs by Arizona. Dempster came into the contest with a 14-3 mark at Wrigley Field this year, the most since Ferguson Jenkins of Chatham, Ont., set a club record of 15 in 1967. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Balsillie not targetting Predators

NHL Media reports that Canadian businessman Jim Balsillie — who has long sought an additional NHL franchise for southern Ontario — is again attempting to buy all or part of the Nashville Predators appear to be premature.

Reports surfaced this week that Balsillie, the co-founder of Waterloo-based Research In Motion Ltd., was close to either purchasing the Predators outright or making a bid for the 27 per cent share of the team which is in the hands of a bankruptcy court. That share was held by William (Boots) Del Baggio, who filed for bankruptcy early this year, and is listed in court documents as being worth about \$25 million.

But sources yesterday indicated that linking Balsillie's name to the Predators in any ownership capacity at this time is misleading. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Balsillie

Liverpool remain undefeated

SOCCER Robbie Keane scored his first goal for Liverpool as Rafael Benitez's men completed a comfortable 3-1 win over PSV Eindhoven at Anfield in the Champions League yesterday.

Dirk Kuyt opened the scoring after 4 minutes before Keane struck his first goal in his ninth start for Liverpool by converting a Fernando Torres cross in the 34th.

Steven Gerrard blasted home from a second half

free-kick to net his 100th goal in Liverpool colours and give Benitez victory in his 250th game in charge of the Reds. The win keeps Liverpool undefeated in league and cup play this season.

Barcelona substitute Lionel Messi scored two late goals, including one in stoppage time, to lead 2006 winners to a 2-1 victory at Shakhtar Donetsk yesterday.

Last season's runners-up Chelsea were held to a 0-0

draw at surprise packages CFR Cluj. Didier Drogba was carried off on a stretcher midway through the game after colliding awkwardly with a defender.

Atletico Madrid, beat Olympique Marseille 2-1. Anorthosis Famagusta got a 3-1 home win over Panathinaikos. AS Roma beat Girondins Bordeaux 3-1. Inter Milan and Werder Bremen tied 1-1. Sporting Lisbon beat Basel 2-0. **REUTERS**



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard celebrates after scoring during their Champions League soccer match against PSV Eindhoven at Anfield in Liverpool, yesterday.

Sports in brief

NBA The San Antonio Spurs will reportedly have to play without guard Manu Ginobili until December, and possibly longer.

NFL Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anquan Boldin sat out practice yesterday and is unsure when he will return to the gridiron after sustaining a sinus fracture in Sunday's game. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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10 sports

The Philadelphia Flyers signed defenceman Luca Sbisa to an entry-level contract yesterday. Sbisa was the 19th overall selection in the 2008 draft. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ovechkin to slump: Cherry

YorkReport

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He was the NHL's top scorer and MVP last season, but don't expect **Alexander Ovechkin** to be as electrifying, efficient or effective this season.

That, at least, is the advice of CBC's **Don Cherry**, who offered his prediction for the Washington Capitals superstar yesterday while he and other television analysts previewed the coming NHL season in a conference call with media types.

"I'd be surprised if (Ovechkin) does as well as he did last year," Cherry said.

"He was doing things he shouldn't do. He was cut-

Expansion

• Don Cherry on the NHL's future expansion plans into Europe: "I can't see them drawing (spectators) over there and I can't see them charging the big ticket prices to pay for players' salaries."

ting into the middle and ... he was getting away with it. He won't get away with it this year. (Opponents) will be waiting for him this year.

"I'm not knocking him ... But I was asked if he's going to have a better year and I'm just saying he won't have as good a year."

Ovechkin wasn't Cherry's only target yesterday. He ripped into the Vancouver Canucks as well.

"I hate to say it because I think (Vancouver's) **Roberto Luongo** is the best goalie in the world, but I don't think the Canucks have added any firepower," Cherry said.

"They're going to be in a dogfight to make the playoffs."

And Cherry also questioned the Canucks' decision to name **Luongo** as their captain.

"If he's a leader, he'll be a leader, but he doesn't have to be the captain," Cherry said. "It shouldn't be a goalie. It's silly as far as I'm concerned."

Mike Milbury of CBC and NBC quickly agreed with Cherry about **Luongo's** appointment.

Milbury also suggested the Pittsburgh Penguins, Stanley Cup finalists last season, will be heading downhill this season.

"Pittsburgh lost a lot of glue on their roster," he said. "I think they're going to struggle ... The Penguins have some hills to climb ... I'm also not as sold on (goalie **Marc-Andre Fleury**) as they seem to be."

Milbury's strangest com-

ments, however, came after a writer asked the analysts to speak about their mothers' influences in their hockey careers in connection with all the hockey-mom talk these days in the United States, where vice-presidential candidate **Sarah Palin** publicly described herself as "a hockey mom."

Analyst **Ed Olczyk** went down memory lane about how his mother would tie his skates and provide him with endless support, but Milbury wasn't sappy at all, saying:

"Don't get me wrong, I loved my mom dearly. She's not with us any more. But all I ever heard from her was, 'You have to hustle more' ... All I got from her, besides genetics, was aggravation."

Bizarre.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

SCOREBOARD

MLB	TODAY'S GAME	L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 9:37	EAST DIVISION	W	L	T	PTS	WEST DIVISION	W	L	T	PTS	WEEK 15
AMERICAN LEAGUE	Chicago at Tampa Bay, 2:37	SATURDAY'S GAME	x-Montreal	9	4	0	18	Calgary	9	4	0	18	FRIDAY'S GAMES
DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS	TOMORROW'S GAME	Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, 10:07	Winnipeg	5	8	0	10	B.C.	8	5	0	16	B.C. at Toronto, 7
BEST OF FIVE	Chicago at Tampa Bay, 6:07	(L.A. Dodgers leads series 1-0)	Toronto	4	9	0	8	Calgary at Saskatchewan, 10					SATURDAY'S GAMES
L.A. Angels vs. Boston	SUNDAY'S GAME	Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee	Hamilton	2	11	0	4	Montreal at Hamilton, 4					Winnipeg at Edmonton, 7
YESTERDAY'S GAME	NATIONAL LEAGUE	YESTERDAY'S RESULT						Winnipeg at Edmonton, 7					NFL
Boston at L.A. Angels	DIVISIONAL SERIES PLAYOFFS	Philadelphia 3 Milwaukee 1											WEEK 5
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Boston at L.A. Angels, 9:37	Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Dodgers	Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6:07											Chicago at Detroit, 1
SUNDAY'S GAME	YESTERDAY'S RESULT	Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 6:37											San Diego at Miami, 1
L.A. Angels at Boston, TBA	L.A. Dodgers 7 Chicago Cubs 2	(Philadelphia leads series 1-0)											Atlanta at Green Bay, 1
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Consumer demand swamping ISPs

TechNow

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In recent weeks, there's been an interesting combination of studies, ad campaigns and company announcements regarding the state of our Internet delivery system.

It all begs the question: Does our system have the right stuff to keep us in the global competition game, where Net speed is a key factor?

Consider the following. First, the Canadian Internet Project's annual survey of Internet use finds we are

among the heaviest users of the Net in the world, and that 54 per cent of all homes now have high-speed Internet. But that still leaves a lot of people in dial-up-hell or unable to get Internet service.

Secondly, a study by London's Oxford Said Business School and Spain's Oviedo University placed Canada 27th out of 42 nations for having an Internet system that's

ready to handle rising demand.

Cisco Systems sponsored the study and looked at the actual speed of Internet service being delivered. The study established a standard for up- and download speeds and 20 countries — including

Canada — failed to meet the standard.

In addition, the study said the current system barely handles demand, and lays the blame squarely on a lack of investment by the big carriers, like Bell and Rogers.

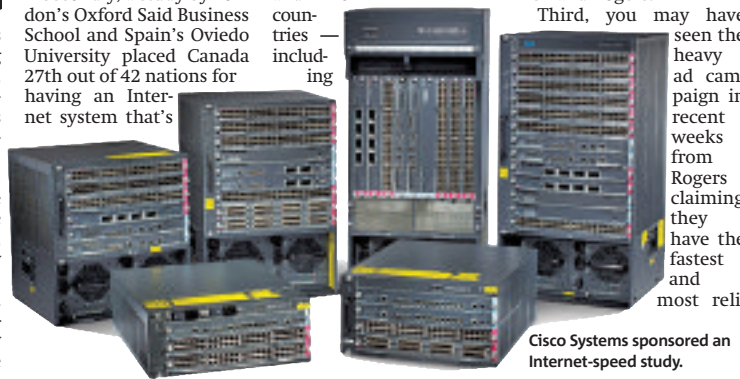
Third, you may have seen the heavy ad campaign in recent weeks from Rogers claiming they have the fastest and most reliable Internet service. The study looked only at Toronto, but Rogers claims that the results can be extended to every city they serve. Phil Hartling, Rogers VP, tells me that consumers do realize the importance of Net speed and total use of the network has quadrupled in the past three years. He says they're spending about \$100 million to improve the system over the next year.

Fourth, Bell tells me they've spent a billion dollars in the first half of this year on system upgrades. The latest purchase was Nortel equipment that will increase system capacity four fold in key corridors such as Toronto-Montreal. However, a spokesperson says this will not change Bell's position that they

have to limit heavy users at peak times of the day — and that means between 8 p.m. and midnight. This so-called "throttling" of the network is done by both Bell and Rogers, who say that if they didn't do it, the majority of their users would see the service slow down. Critics say the carriers simply have to spend more money to boost capacity.

PAUL'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: civic.ca/en/intro.htm The Canadian Internet Project released its annual look at how we use the net and links to the World Internet Project. This Sunday one of the stories on Tech Now is a profile of Roy Mlakar, Ottawa's CEO of the year.

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While this conserves energy, which is good, it can also leave us in a warm stew of indoor haze. And we tend to spend a lot more time indoors in the winter, so exposure to these indoor pollutants is higher.

And believe me, we all have indoor pollution to some degree. It includes things like floating dust and the various ingredients of dust; tiny airborne spores from mould and mildew; carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and various other byproducts of combustion from furnaces and gas stoves; tiny particles of soot from cooking; and off-gassing of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds



If you've suffered from water damage or persistent dampness, you may find that you have mould or mildew growing in walls or above ceiling tiles.

(VOCs) from some types of plywood and particleboard found in cabinetry as well as from paints, glues, solvents and some wall-to-

wall carpeting.

While dust, dead human

skin cells, spores, byproducts of cooking and various

"The best way to reduce dirty indoor air is control it at the source."

other types of the airborne detritus that surrounds us are a fact of life, stagnant or dirty indoor air can lead to health problems.

The severity of the reaction depends on the sensitivity of the person, but for most people, excessively dusty or dirty air can cause or aggravate coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath.

It can even worsen or trigger allergic reactions. And improperly ventilated air can bring on headaches, dizziness, fatigue, and eye, nose and throat irritation.

But there's no need to despair. While effective filtering and ventilation is one part of the solution, the best way to reduce dirty indoor air is to control it at the source.

Excess moisture is one source of indoor air pollution. Mould and mildew grow in damp places, where they produce tiny airborne spores that are easily inhaled.

Discoloured floors, walls, window panes, curtains, carpets or a persistent musty odour are sure signs of dampness.

Visible mould can be washed away with soap and water, increased ventilation can help dry out damp areas and air clean-

ers can help get rid of tiny spores in the air. But if structural problems are leading to mould and mildew in the first place, you may have to rectify those issues.

For example, if you've got a leaky roof, a musty-smelling basement, window condensation or water pooling around window sills, or inadequate or non-existent bathroom, laundry and kitchen fans to vent moisture, you may need to fix the problem.

And remember that not all mould is obvious. If you've suffered from water damage or persistent dampness, you may find you have mould or mildew growing in walls or above ceiling tiles.

Dust is another culprit, not so much because your mother-in-law will disapprovingly run her finger across your dusty china cabinet, but because household dust can contain nasty airborne stuff, such as dust mites and their wastes.

The remedy is tedious but necessary — regular vacuuming of floors and upholstery and dusting of surfaces.

Since mites adore dead human skin cells, washing bed linens and mattress and pillow covers every week is a good plan.

Look for other sources of indoor air pollution in next week's column.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in home decor and design. She has written extensively for the TV show Arresting Design.



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Quick fix

Upgrading the sink and faucet in a kitchen is an easy way to create a stylish and functional space for both cooking and cleaning. **NEWS CANADA**

Bright colours among this season's hottest trends

For those planning to update their homes or who are undergoing a major renovation, here are some of the hot emerging home trends for this season, according to Anita Griffin, Canadian marketing brand manager for Hansgrohe:

THE TRADITIONAL OR MODERN BATHROOM

Two extremes characterize the current trend in bathroom décor — old-world traditional or ultra-modern minimalism. Bring the romantic, majestic look of yesteryear to the bathroom with elaborate fixtures and accessories that feature the benefits of today's modern technology, such as the Axor Montreux bathroom faucet or a claw foot tub. Alternatively, pick up on the highly modern décor trend in the bathroom by adding pieces with simple details and a polished look. The Axor Citterio M showerhead is the ultimate sleek, European piece for a contemporary bathroom.

COLOUR IN THE BEDROOM

Whether it's on the wall or in the bed linens, bright, saturated colours are key in today's bedrooms. Decorative, intense patterns on bed linens are both visually stimulating and exotic, while bold colours on the wall showcase your dramatic and daring personality. For a unique take on colour, consider a wall tat-

too. This is an easy way to add drama to your space.

CHANGING FURNITURE IN THE LIVING ROOM

As the way we use our home evolves, so does our furniture. The hottest trend in furniture design is change: Pieces that can disappear when not in use or

change their function quickly and easily. Chairs that can be stored in the closet until guests drop by are ideal. Coffee tables that expand and grow are the ultimate in convenience. And items with ample built-in storage help keep your living space neat and clutter-free.

TEXTURE IN THE KITCHEN

This season, the kitchen is about mixing textures, shapes and materials. Consider combining a rounded island with cabinets featuring harder, solid lines. Merge natural wood cabinets that showcase your green lifestyle with the modern flair of

stainless steel appliances. On your table, try showcasing your eclectic style with mixed patterns and colours in your tableware.

NEWS CANADA

Putting bright colours in the bedroom, whether it's on the wall or in the linens, is key.



What else would you expect a "Green Machine" to run on?

Reno returns

Home renovation can sometimes be costly. But there are a variety of cost-effective renovations that can improve the comfort and value of your home, even if you're on a budget.

The Appraisal Institute of Canada has developed RENOVA, a web-based guide that provides homeowners with the average return on investment for a number of home renovations. By entering the cost of a particular project, homeowners can find the percentage of initial investment that they can expect to get back.

According to RENOVA, the following renovations have high payback ranges:

- Bathroom renovation (75-100 per cent)
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Low in calories, fennel is a very good source of dietary fibre, vitamin C, folate, potassium and manganese; and a good source of niacin, calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphorus and copper. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

"The fronds should be fresh and green — avoid flowering ones as that indicates age."

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada



Pick of the crop

Choose fennel that is firm, rounded, white and unblemished.

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I can't believe it's not celery

À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer



Looking like a misshapen head of celery, fennel, sometimes labelled anise, has a mild and slightly sweet taste reminiscent of licorice. The greener the

fennel base, the stronger the flavour, however the flavour is muted when cooked. Use it raw like celery to toss in a salad or serve fennel sticks with a dip. It can be grilled, roasted, sautéed, braised or steamed.

Provençal Style Fish Chowder

This healthy yet hearty soup can be stirred up quickly. Save some of the feathery fronds as a gar-

nish for both colour and a bit more fennel flavour. If fish is frozen, cut while frozen and increase cooking time a minute or two. Serve with crusty bread. Makes about 7 cups (1.75 L), 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 small fennel bulb
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 19 oz (540 mL) can Italian seasoned stewed tomatoes
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) fish

or chicken broth

- 1 tbsp (15 mL) Italian seasonings
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) red pepper flakes, optional
- 1 lb (500 g) mild white fish (catfish, pollock, tilapia, cod, haddock), thawed if frozen, cut into 1 inch (2.5 cm) pieces
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:

Trim fennel by cutting off the skinny stalks and fronds. Remove any dry or fibrous outer stalks of fennel base. Cut base into quarters, remove and discard core, then chop remaining fennel.

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add fennel and garlic and cook until fennel is softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomatoes (breaking



The greener the fennel base, the stronger the flavour.

up any large pieces), broth, seasonings and red pepper flakes. Bring to a boil over high heat. Stir in fish and cook until fish is cooked through, about 5 minutes. To serve, garnish with

chopped up fennel tops and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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Highland Park

Scotch whisky enthusiasts have good reason to celebrate as Canada welcomes the 40-year-old expression from Scotland's esteemed Highland Park Distillery. Retailing for \$2,000, the Highland Park 40 Year Old is now available through the LCBO. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Doing your double German duty

Oktoberfest is here and the September/October issue of DRAFT — the magazine for beer enthusiasts — offers two simple recipes to turn any beer bash into an authentic German soiree. The following Oktoberfest recipes can be found in DRAFT magazine, which offered Metro this little taste:



Soft Pretzels with Honey Mustard Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

Soft Pretzels Ingredients:

- 1 package of active dry yeast
- 5 cups flour
- 1 1/3 cup warm water
- 1/8 cup warm water
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- Water, baking soda
- Sea salt

Honey Mustard Dip

Ingredients:

- 5 ounces crème fraiche
- 3 tbsp. German honey



Soft Pretzels with Honey Mustard Sauce.

- 2 tbsp. German mustard
- Salt and sugar to taste

METHOD:

Soft Pretzels Directions:

Dissolve yeast in 1/8 cup warm water. Stir in 1 1/3 cups warm water, brown sugar and flour. Beat until smooth. Knead dough until smooth and elastic.

Heat oven to 475 de-

grees. In a saucepan, add 2 tablespoons baking soda to each cup of water. Use enough to fill the saucepan; bring to a boil. Tear off some dough and roll a pencil shape with your hands. Pick up both ends, cross to form rabbit ears and then twist the ends and pull them back

to the rest of the loop.

Place twisted pretzels in water/baking soda mixture for 15 seconds until pretzel dough is golden or yellow in color. Remove pretzels from boiling water and place onto a salted cookie sheet.

Dust the top of pretzels with sea salt. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until pretzels are golden brown.

Honey Mustard Dip

Directions:

Stir crème fraiche, honey and mustard until creamy. Add sugar and salt to taste.

Cherry, Quark and Pumpernickel Trifle

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large jar German cherries in juice
- 2 slices German pumpernickel
- 2 250-gram tubs quark (German yogurt cheese available at specialty food stores)
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 ounces German dark chocolate
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract



Cherry, Quark and Pumpernickel Trifle.

METHOD:

Beat together quark, milk, vanilla and sugar until smooth.

Using a food processor, reduce the pumpernickel to fine crumbs. Finely grate the chocolate and mix with the pumpernickel crumbs.

Drain the cherries well.

Make layers in 6 wine glasses: Place cherries at the bottom, top with a spoonful of quark, then scatter a spoonful of pumpernickel. Repeat layers, finishing with a quark layer. Top with cherries and pumpernickel crumbs. Chill overnight and serve.

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Style



The appeal of fig

Loyal Marc Jacobs consumers should check out his newest limited edition eau de toilette for men called Marc Jacobs Fig. Encompassing some of the core notes of his original fragrances, this 300 ml tonic offers a refreshing, lighter formula. Top notes include fresh yuzu zest and Tuscan cypress while the heart of it reveals the warm richness of the delicate fruit it's named after. Available at Holt Renfrew stores across Canada, \$60. **METRO NEWS SERVICE**

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Cape couture for fall

Style File



ask kim

I bought a leather hand bag from a vintage store and it has a distinctive odour to it that I want to get rid of. I love the bag and its design what can I do to get rid of the smell?

Try dampening a cloth with vinegar and wipe the inside and outside of your bag with the cloth or submerge the bag into a solution of warm water and baking soda. Both of these methods should completely eliminate the unwanted odour. — *about.com*

E-mail your style questions to kim.elbo@metronews.ca.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.



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Designer: Costa Blanca
Shop: Costa Blanca
Address: Various Locations
costablanca.ca

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Designer: n/a
Shop: Aritzia
Address: Various Locations
aritzia.com

Hooded

Designer: Kersch
Shop: Fine Finds
Address: 1014 Mainland St.
finefindsboutique.com



Tweed

Designer: Joe Fresh
Shop: Superstore
Address: Various Locations
joe.ca

Simple

Designer: Hunter
Shop: Hills
Address: 2125 West 41st Ave.
hillsofkerriisdale.com

Tie Up

Designer: Ilse Jacobsen
Shop: Gravity Pope
Address: 2205 West 4th Ave.
gravitypope.com

cape town

Throw on a knitted cape for a chic causal look. This is one major accessory staple that should be added to your fall wardrobe collection. If you like the cape look for off-season, I'd suggest purchasing a light neutral colour that can take you from fall into spring. The Aritzia cape is perfect for this as it's a light knit and it's cropped. Tip: Try to strictly wear your cape with a pant; anything else, like an a-line skirt, runs the risk of turning your outfit into a funny-looking two-tiered dress.

accessory

One of the best necklaces I have seen this fall. Pair with a simple navy dress or a white T-shirt. Designed by Alexis Bittar. Available at Blue Ruby, blueruby.com



wellingtons

As the days get cooler and wetter, rubber rain boots are the shoe of choice for many. Also known as wellingtons or wellies, these boots became popular among adults years ago when major designers like Pucci, Betsy Johnson and Burberry stamped their signature logos and graphic styles on them. This season wellies have gone back to the basics with colour-blocked styles and simple details of buckles and laces.

tip

Paid a small fortune on that designer bag you're carrying? Well if you get caught in a downpour it's going to get wet so cover it up with Rain Couture. Rain Couture is a collection of small waterproof bags that help protect your purse from the rain. — *crazy-forthat.com*



Hole Socks are the latest invention from two New York-based designers. They are sold at SANS (sans.name).

Holey socks make a creative foot statement

Times have changed since our grandmothers darned their holey socks to save a few bucks. Now, people are buying holey socks to save a few trees.

Hole Socks, the invention of two New York-based designers, are an attempt to create a unique statement for the feet.

"There were no options

for women in the sock department," says Alessandro DeVito, who co-founded SANS with Lika Volkova. "Even if you go really high-end, where it's \$100 a pair, it's still boring. We wanted to do something different."

Fashioning the socks (\$28 to \$30 U.S.) from soft organic cotton, the pair aim to create sustainable

fashion. Though they don't claim these socks to be totally eco-friendly (the cotton is made in the U.S., then shipped to Switzerland to be made into yarn, then shipped back to North America) they offset the impact of the socks by partnering with Trees For The Future (trees4future.org) to plant a tree for every pair.

Volkova suggests slipping the socks over tights in winter for a surprising fashion effect, or wearing them solo in summer.

"They can make shoes more exciting," she says.

The socks are available in four styles and five colours online at sans.name.

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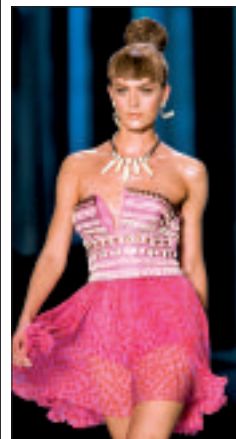
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Model presents creation by British designer John Galliano as part of French fashion house Dior Spring/Summer 2009 show.

Paris fashion shows defy gloomy world climate

PARIS France's ready-to-wear spring and summer shows began in earnest on Monday with Christian Dior's collection, as the world of fashion flew in the face of an increasingly ominous world environment.

Dior's show at the Tuileries gardens marked the start of the main part of the industry showcase after the annual spring-summer shows began at the weekend with collections from a clutch of younger designers.

"Tribal chic. Studded. Belted. Degrade," read the notes to Dior designer John Galliano's show in which he sent a parade of teenaged models in diaphanous party dresses stalking down the catwalk to a pulsing rock beat.

"It's very young, transparent, light and quite sober," actress Marisa Berenson told Reuters Television after the show. "There were some wonderful mixtures of colours as he always does but I liked the lightness and the transparency."

Around 100 designers will be showing collections over the coming week, sending models, stylists, reporters and fashionistas racing around the French capital, seemingly oblivious to turbulence menacing the global economy.

As bank regulators and government leaders in Washington and Europe struggle to control a global financial crisis that has brought low some of the biggest names in banking and threatens the global economy, the industry was looking on the bright side.

REUTERS

The CW is developing a one-hour drama based on the pre-Robin days of Batman's sidekick. The Graysons will explore Dick "DJ" Grayson's youth and adolescence in the same vein Smallville does for Clark Kent. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Entertainment

Back to Black

Actor Jack Black is reuniting with the writers of animation film *Kung Fu Panda*, Jonathan Aibel and Glenn Berger, for an untitled live action comedy, according to a report. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**



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T.I. tears up Paper Trail

T.I.

Album: Paper Trail
Label: Grand Hustle/Warner
Rating: ●●●●

CLIFFORD HARRIS (T.I.) has packed a lot of trouble and contradictions into his 28 years. Alimony troubles, drugs charges, weapons charges, assault charges ... and yet he's also done his share of charity work (not all of it court ordered). He's a warts-and-all type of guy, and it shows on Paper Trail. T.I. dishes openly about his life, which also includes its share of generic sex and party jams. Several tracks shine: My Life Your Entertainment with Usher is a perceptive, catchy analysis



AlbumReviews

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of celebrity. Swagga Like Us with Jay-Z, Kanye West, Lil' Wayne and M.I.A. sample is menacing and mesmerizing. John Legend, featured on Slide Show, adds some much-needed warmth. **Jim Reyno/Metro Canada**

Ben Folds

Album: Way To Normal
Label: Epic/Sony BMG
Rating: ●●●●

IF YOU REMEMBER the Ben Folds Five '97 ditty Song For The Dumped, then here's what you'd call nearly an entire album for the dumped. North Carolina's



own Elton John returns with all the exuberance of his days with the aforementioned trio, delivering his relationship-gone-south fare in either cinematic bittersweet or raw-and-direct fashion. Balanced with wacky odes to a concert head injury and a beloved pooch, this is the sound of Ben Folds succeeding in returning to normal.

Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada

James Morrison

Album: Songs For You, Truths For Me
Label: Interscope
Rating: ●●●●

THE KIDS SEEM to be rediscovering the sound of Stevie Wonder,



which is probably a good thing. It certainly saves Morrison's CD from being tossed on a heap entitled "This Year's James Blunt." So the Brit-pop cutie pie funks it up on a dozen original tracks by Morrison and a bunch of hired co-writers. If you want to try something closer to the real thing try a new CD by Raphael Saadiq, *The Way I See It*. He's even got Wonder playing harmonica on it.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Robin Thicke

Album: Something Else
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

THE GROWING PAINS Robin Thicke — son of Canadian actor Alan — experienced when he released his debut



T.I. dishes openly about his troubled life on Paper Trail.

in 2003 are long gone; his new album of safe, but catchy R&B is sure to be a hit. Something Else is filled with easy listening, Marvin Gaye-like tunes, and while the music isn't for rhythm and blues aficionados, it's infectious enough to get plenty of ra-



dio play. The best songs are the more upbeat ones such as the '70s sounding Magic, while the worst are the cheesy slow tracks like the too cool Ms. Harmony.

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Bollywood on strike

Production in India's Bollywood film and TV industry has ground to a halt after thousands of technicians and actors walked out in a strike over lack of pay and conditions. **IMDB.COM**



Ari Graynor, centre, stars with Michael Cera and Kat Dennings in Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist.

Drunk sidekick steals the film

RICK MCGINNIS
Metro Canada



While the title characters played by Michael Cera and Kat Dennings are the stars of Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist, audiences leaving the Toronto International Film Festival screenings of the film were unanimous that Ari Graynor almost stole the film from them in every scene she played as Caroline, Nora's best friend, who spent the majority of her screen time ruinously drunk over the course of a long New York night.

It helped that she was handed several indelible scenes, one of which — Graynor's Caroline hunched

"She's tremendous, and I think people are going to fall in love with her."

Peter Sollett

over a filthy toilet in the Port Authority Bus Terminal, retrieving a piece of chewed gum that's a cross between her talisman and security blanket — will become her clip reel highlight if she decides to ride this sudden flare of notoriety into a bigger career.

Nick and Nora director Peter Sollett gives her credit for fleshing out the character of Caroline on the spot during the film's location shoot, and describes one loopy but wildly endearing scene Graynor plays with character actor Kevin Corrigan.

"She's tremendous, and I think people are going to fall in love with her, and she's an incredible improvisational actress. There are scenes in the film that she invented, like the turkey sandwich scene was not in the script.

"Kevin Corrigan was into music and New York kind of movies, and we didn't have a scene for him, but he showed up and we had the Port Authority for the night. He said he didn't want to speak — it was very challenging. So it was up to Ari to carry the scene and invent something that could be a standalone."

"I have a lot of love for Caroline," Graynor insists, "and I don't have a lot of judgment for her because it's a night and a situation that everyone has found themselves in at some point."

"I think that she's smart and she loves her friends and she's insecure and needy and I think she's like everybody else. And techni-

cally these situations are a little dangerous, but I think she's smarter than she appears to be.

"Aside from my own few college experiences to draw on," Graynor says, describing how she prepared for the role, "I actually got a little method-y and I had my boyfriend and friend videotape me getting drunk before we started shooting so that I could watch the progression. Because I wanted to have as many levels as you can."

"I know it sounds ridiculous, but ... it's the big comedic moment, so you've got to go for it ... But to try and keep it grounded I wanted to see how ridiculous I was when drunk, and frankly, I learned that I'm pretty ridiculous."

Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist opens tomorrow.

Judge criticizes Stone's parenting

IN COURT Sharon Stone has so overreacted to her eight-year-old son's health issues that she suggested he get a Botox treatment for his smelly feet, according to the judge in the actress' custody case.

In Superior Court papers, the judge also added that Stone "delegates many of her parenting responsibilities to third parties" and has "simply refused" to participate in counselling unless her

"schedule is accommodated and her demands are met," People.com reports.

"Such conduct on the part of any parent ... is unacceptable and does not serve the child's best interest," the San Francisco judge has written in the document, which is a tentative statement on the actress's motion to modify custody.

The judge has turned down Stone's request to move her son Roan to Los

Angeles, where she lives, from his father Phil Bronstein's home in San Francisco.

The actress is allowed visitation time with the child, getting some weekends and holidays.

Stone's representatives are currently declining to comment.

Bronstein, 57, and Stone, 50, married in 1998. They adopted Roan in 1997 and divorced in 2004.

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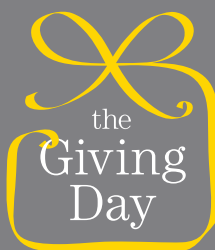
Loved ones bid Newman farewell

PEOPLE Acclaimed actor Paul Newman was cremated after a private funeral service near his home in Westport, Conn., on Monday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The late actor's close friends and family congregated in the town to mourn and celebrate his life.

The movie legend died of cancer on Friday at the age of 83.

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Actor Kiefer Sutherland fears fans of his TV series 24 will have to wait several years for a big-screen adaptation of the hit show. He admits a movie version of the series won't get the green light until the TV show has been wrapped up. **IMDb.COM**

Partridge Family return in the works

COME ON GET HAPPY: As if a looming recession and an energy crisis weren't enough, TV is hell-bent on bringing back the '70s with its worst prime-time lineup in decades, and now there's this little shudder-inducing harbinger of things to come — the Partridge Family is coming back.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, NBC has signed on for a remake of the sitcom that ran on ABC from 1970 to 1974, to be written by Jeff Rake, of Cashmere Mafia, Bones and Boston Legal fame. Rake calls himself a fan of the original show, but told the Reporter he intends to "turn the premise on its head."

"In the original, the kids

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actually recruited their mom to front the band, which I can't see happening in any family on this planet," Take said. "The new version will reflect what seems to me to be the more realistic family band scenario these days: a struggling, sort of well-meaning mom pimping her kids in order to create a wholesome-slash-sexy cash cow."

Sounds edifying. I've been down this road once



Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver's new show follows his launch of a restaurant in Melbourne, Australia.

before, kids, and it only leads to a herpes epidemic and power ballads. Stop the madness now.

TV DINNER: The Food Net-

work has an unusually strong slate of new shows this fall, and the best aren't necessarily helmed by blue chip celebrity chefs.

Their daytime programming has been livened up by the premiere today of Everyday Exotic, starring Toronto chef Roger Mooking. You might remember Mooking as one third of Bass Is Base, the late '90s dance combo, and he hosts the show with an ingratiating energy that will hopefully relax a bit with time.

Daytime cooking shows are a lot more mundane than their prime-time counterparts — there's a lot less flash and drama, and a lot more chopping and sautéing.

Mooking does a lot more than just tell distracted housewives and househusbands how to spice up their vodka penne, and in addition to showing off some impressive knife

skills, he actually features a few really useful techniques and ingredients.

Jamie Oliver isn't as overexposed as Gordon Ramsay over here mostly because he's not on network primetime, but he's adding another addition to his capacious TV brand with Jamie's Kitchen Australia, which follows Oliver — at a considerable distance — as he launches another one of his fifteen restaurants staffed with marginalized kids in Melbourne. As with the previous incarnation, there's a little bit of cooking and a lot of despairing over the sorry state of youth.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

OT	Vu	SC	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
265	353	2	TVO	Mighty Movers	The Agenda With Steve Palkin	England Expects	Political Debate (Live)	Simon Schama's Power of Art	Agenda-Palkin		
211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Survivor: Gabon (N)	Le Journal d'un curé de campagne *** (1950, Drame)	Voit	Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case	News (N)
-	-	5	SRC	Virginie (SC)	Enquête (HDTV) (SC)	Grosse vie (N)	C.A. (N) (SC)	Le Téléjournal (N) (SC)	La Zone	News (N)	News (N)
209	342	6	CHRO	Robson Arms	Hole in the Wall (N)	To Be Announced	America's Got Talent		News (N)	News (N)	News (N)
196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	eTalk	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	Political Debate (Live)		News (N)	News (N)	News (N)
208	303	8	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	The Nature of Things	Political Debate (HDTV) (Live)		National	News (N)	News (N)
-	360	9	NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Vice Presidential Debate (Live)		News (N)	News (N)
117	713	10	TVA	La Fievre de la danse (SC)	Occupation double	Le Journal d'un curé de campagne *** (1950, Drame)	Voit	TVA 22 heures	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	Loft Story	Loft Story
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137	763	12	TFO	Panorama	Survivor: Gabon (N)	Le Journal d'un curé de campagne *** (1950, Drame)	Voit	Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case	News (N)
-	362	13	CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N)	News (N)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
216	395	14	OMN2	Cold Case	Ugly Betty (N)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
214	344	15	CITY	Law & Order: SVU	Ugly Betty (N)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
115	343	16	CFMT	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
218	345	18	EL	The Insider (N)	El News	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
-	361	20	ABC	News (N)	Entertainment	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
512	396	24	CPAC	Revue Politique	Revue Politique	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
651	355	25	CTS	Happy Days	Laverne	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
-	-	64	PBS	Business Rpt.	Travelscope	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
205	312	64	CTV	Hollywood	eTalk	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
502	390	26	NW	CBC News: Around the World	Canada Votes	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	CNN Election Center	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
406	417	27	net	(6:30) MLB Baseball Division Series -- Teams TBA. (Live)	Tram's TBA. (Live)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
126	730	28	RDI	Elections Canada 2008	Grands reportages (SC)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
400	280	30	TSN	That's Hockey! Interruption	Boxing Ricardo Mayorga vs. Shane Mosley (HDTV)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
410	403	52	SCR	Score on NFL College Football	Pittsburgh at South Florida. (Live)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
411	457	56	OLN	Ed's Up	Videos	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
417	406	59	SC	American Le Mans Preview	Pinks -- All Out	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
554	544	48	TEL	George-Jungle	Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
557	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	That's-Raven	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
551	542	65	YTV	H2O, Just Add	Prank Patrol	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
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615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	The First 48 (HDTV)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgtn.	CSI: NY (HDTV) (N)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
521	560	34	TLC	LA Ink (HDTV)	Overhaulin' (HDTV)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
145	761	35	TV5	Toute une histoire	Club social	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
581	566	53	SHO	Painkiller Jane	ReGenesis (HDTV)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
620	523	40	BVO	Desperate Housewives	Does Art Matter?: Election	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)	In the Shadow of the Moon	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
575	583	43	CMT	(6) Ultimate "Canadian"	Karaoke Star "Finale" (Series Finale)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
601	562	45	SLC	End of Leash	ET Canada	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
625	548	46	CTM	Air Force	Just for Laughs	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
294	529	47	TBS	House-Payne	House-Payne	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
600	564	49	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
627	528	50	SPV	Lost "Outlaws"	Star Trek: Voyager	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
581	566	53	Busted	After	Canada's Next Top Model	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
618	524	54	TROP	Beverly Hills, 90210	Make or Break "What Happen?"	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
522	506	55	HIS	NCIS "Trojan Horse"	Lost Worlds	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
129	773	60	CD	Biographies Franchise Chalouit.	Dossiers justice (HDTV)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
261	394	61	V	Murder, She Wrote	Wait for God	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
602	567	62	W	Will & Grace	Divine Design	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
269	530	70	APTN	Suaanang	Next: Youth	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
621	527	71	TLK	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	TMZ (N)	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)
603	561	95	FN	The Main	Chef at Home	Ugly Betty (N)	Glam God With Vivica A. Fox	Friends	Friends	News (N)	News (N)

critics' corner

The Nature of Things

Columbus was looking for India. The folks who created Viagra were looking for a high-blood-pressure treatment. In the season premiere, "Gone Sideways," host David Suzuki surveys a number of discoveries and breakthroughs that happened by accident, including some revolutionary cures for diseases and the invention of the X-ray machine. 8 PM on 8 CBC



Ugly Betty

Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams), prepping her first issue of the magazine as editor, tries to lure Betty (America Ferrera) over to the dark side by offering her a job at Mode as her assistant. Daniel (Eric Mabius) discovers he faces a custody battle if he wants to keep Daniel Jr. (Julian de la Cella) in the U.S., and Hilda's (Ana Ortiz) illicit romance with Coach Diaz (Eddie Cibrian) heats up in the new episode "Filing For the Enemy" 8 PM on 20 ABC 15 CITY

Phish reuniting for March shows

MUSIC The hints came in various formats, but it's now official. After more than four years, Phish, the Vermont-born quartet with a loyal fan following, will return to the concert stage this March in Virginia.

The band yesterday on its website, confirmed the reunion concerts this coming March 6, 7, and 8 in Hampton, Va., and posted a page addressing what is expected to be strong demand for tickets.

Phish built its reputation in the 1990s mostly for its live shows jamming in a free-form style of rock 'n' roll often compared to the Grateful Dead, which also enjoyed a strong cult-following over its history dating back to the 1960s. **REUTERS**

In brief

MUSIC Paul McCartney is returning to his Fireman alias after a decade away from the musical collaboration with producer Youth. McCartney will release Electric Arguments by the Fireman on Nov. 17 via MPL, an imprint of his London-based publishing company. The 13-track album will be manufactured and distributed by U.K. indie One Little Indian worldwide except in the U.S., where ATO will issue it. **REUTERS**

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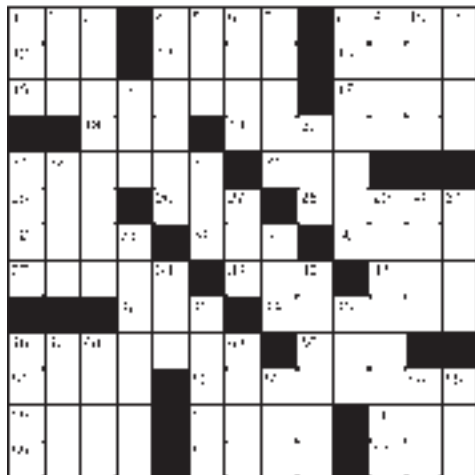
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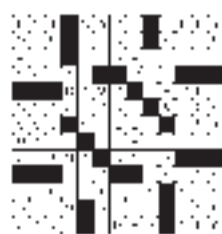
Crossword across

- 1 "Angela's Ashes" sequel
4 Spencer of "The Insider"
8 Junk e-mail
12 Commotion
13 Rainbow
14 Radius neighbor
15 Video-game controller
17 Night light?
18 Perch
19 Scopolamine source
21 Put one over on
24 Coloring agent
25 Cassowary look-alike
26 Wardrobe malfunction
28 Plotters' group
32 Rocking jagger
34 Awkward guy
36 Oliver Twist's request
37 Trusty horse
39 "— the Dog"
41 Favorable vote
42 Take to court
44 Powerful star-like object
46 Subterfuge
50 Biz letterhead abbr.
51 Perjurer
52 Buzz
Lightyear's movie
56 Land measure
57 Curved molding
58 Guitar's kin
59 Holler
60 Defeat
61 Heavy weight

Crossword down

- 1 — Mahal
2 Altar affirmative
3 Chinese food condiment
4 Type of bug?
5 Jackie's second hubby
6 Affluent
7 Requested
8 Ray from Ra?
9 "Not guilty," e.g.
10 Uncredited in "Bartlett's"
11 Lion's pride
16 Pack quantity
20 Big Apple letters
21 Fixes a skirt
22 Leave out
23 God, in Italian
27 Manhandle
29 Merit-badge earner
30 Vicinity
31 Mad Shakespearean king
33 Variety of falcon
35 Website info format
38 Payable
40 Masks
43 Praise to the skies
45 Pismire
46 Stage show
47 Houston university
48 Count counterpart
49 African republic
53 "Certainly"
54 Old movie-house letters
55 Longing

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



5	7	6	3	8	2	9	4	1
1	3	2	5	9	4	6	8	7
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9	1	5	6	4	8	2	7	3
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- Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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		8		7	3			6
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3			7	1		2		
6			4	5		9		
8					6			1
	9			8		7		

Recipe of the day



Spinach and Potato Frittata

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) russet potatoes, cut into 1/2-in. (1-cm) cubes
3 cups (750 mL) baby spinach leaves, trimmed of stalks
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
1 red pepper, quartered, seeded and thinly sliced
5-6 scallions, thinly sliced
3 egg whites
2 whole eggs
2 tbsp (25 mL) Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper

METHOD:

1. Cook potatoes in boiling water until almost tender, 5 to 6 minutes. Place spinach in a steamer or colander over potatoes and cook until potatoes are tender and spinach has wilted, another 5 minutes. Drain potatoes. Press spinach with the back of a spoon to extract excess moisture, then chop.
2. Heat oil in a non-stick skillet. Add pepper slices and sauté over medium heat for 2

minutes. Stir in potatoes and scallions and continue cooking for 2 minutes.

3. Beat egg whites and whole eggs in a large bowl, season lightly with salt and pepper, and mix in spinach. With a slotted spoon, remove vegetables from skillet and add to egg mixture, leaving remaining oil in the pan. Stir egg and vegetables briefly to mix, then pour into skillet. Cover and cook, without stirring, until omelette is almost set but still a little soft on top, about 6 minutes. Preheat broiler.

4. Dust frittata with Parmesan and place under broiler. Cook until browned and puffed around edges, 3 to 4 minutes. Cut into quarters or wedges and serve.

SERVES 6

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to rd.ca or check out Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A rebel spirit is essential to your needs. An honest person will find a balance. Something exciting will happen.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23

An unusual event can become enjoyable. A whiner wants to use you for sympathy. Pride causes someone to have a bad day.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

A magnetic person becomes a casualty of love. An idle chatterer accomplishes more than a feisty debater. Someone plays the fool.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Practice what you preach. A regrettable mistake follows a warning of danger. Come up with entertaining ideas for the weekend.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

You can play mind games in the right place. Your tyrannical side is a surprise to others. An innocent party threatens to make a deal.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

A daydreamer has some brilliant ideas. Open your mind to unthinkable solutions. Toss aside your superstitions about good luck.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

A secret reward raises your spirits. A lover's chat becomes a scandal. Don't be heartless about a significant event.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

You'll get bogged down in endless blunders. Meet with people who can help you. You'll cast a suspicious glance at the stock market.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

Play nice with a wounded woman. An awesome stranger will come to your rescue. A clumsy girl is standing on shaky ground.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

Good fun with your friends is exactly what you need. Give the impression that you control your life. Compassion leads to improvements.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

A disagreement is dissipated by timely laughter. A friend contributes to problem solving. The chance of a lifetime comes from a hard-working woman.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

You'll be trusted with a secret. It's not a good idea to bore anyone. Don't take troubled times personally.

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This day in history

- OCT. 2, 1535: Jacques Cartier discovers Montreal, Quebec.
OCT. 2, 1789: George Washington transmits the proposed Constitutional amendments (The United States Bill of Rights) to the States for ratification.
OCT. 2, 1924: The Geneva Protocol is adopted as a means to strengthen the League of Nations.
OCT. 2, 1950: Peanuts by Charles M. Schulz first published.
OCT. 2, 1967: Thurgood Marshall is sworn in as the first African-American justice of United States Supreme Court.
OCT. 2, 2001: The NATO backs U.S. military strikes, following 9/11.

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Celebrity Buzz

DiCaprio wants to wed

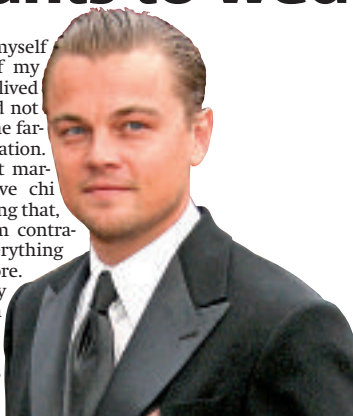
RELATIONSHIPS Actor Leonardo DiCaprio wants to get married because he is keen to live a normal life, imdb.com reports.

The 33-year-old star is reportedly sick of travelling the world and living on movie sets and confesses he would like to settle down and start a family to make him feel more grounded.

"What I definitely feel a need for is to make my life about more than just my career," he tells *Parade* magazine. "Just last night I was

thinking to myself how little of my life has been lived normally and not spent on some far-off movie location. I want to get married and have children. In saying that, I realize I am contradicting everything I've said before. I absolutely believe in marriage."

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Richie on the road again



LEGAL Socialite Nicole Richie is back behind the wheel a year after she was convicted of driving under the influence (DUI), imdb.com reports.

The former *Simple Life* star's license was officially changed from suspended to restricted on Sept. 19, according to

Los Angeles Department of Motor Vehicles records.

Richie served 82 minutes behind bars and had to undertake an 18-month anti-drug course after she was caught driving the wrong way down a freeway ramp road.

As a restricted licence holder, Richie can now use her car for work-related activities.

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Fox is officially a fox

POLL It's official: Megan Fox is hot, intouchweekly.com reports.

The actress tops *Movie-fone's* list of the 25 Hottest Actors Under 25.

"I honestly believe that Megan is here to stay," her director for the upcoming film *How to Lose Friends & Alienate People*, Robert Weide, said.

"She'll constantly surprise people by her range. Anyone who thinks she's

just a pretty face is going to be surprised in the same way they were when Michelle Pfeiffer proved she really was an actress."

Other young stars making the list include Megan's *Transformers* co-star Shia LaBeouf, Michael Cera, Dakota Fanning, Emma Watson, Zac Efron, Miley Cyrus, Blake Lively and Keira Knightley.

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Mills 'at peace' following bitter divorce



HEALTH Heather Mills is "at peace" following her bitter divorce battle from Sir Paul McCartney, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The charity campaigner is attempting to put her troubled year behind her and is concentrating on her charity work.

"I'm in a really good place at the moment," she says. "I'm really at peace. I've spent a lot of time healing. It's been a very, very difficult time, the hardest ever, but I now want the chance to focus on charity and continue my work with the causes I really care about."

Mills also revealed her and McCartney's four-year-old daughter Beatrice has helped her get through the difficult period.

"Beatrice is the light of my life, an absolute joy," she added to Britain's *Hello* magazine.

"I think when you have a child later in life, you appreciate it even more. I think on top of having lost so many — I had six miscarriages and two ectopic pregnancies — you really, really appreciate it."

"I was considering adoption, all sorts of things, nine years ago before I met her father."

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Superman house saved

Superman fans have succeeded in their bid to rebuild the house where the legendary character was first created by Jerry Siegel in Cleveland, Ohio. IMDB.COM

celebrity brief

Paris changes her flight plans

GOSSIP Paris Hilton has vowed never to set foot on another Learjet aircraft after her pals Travis Barker and Adam "DJ Am" Goldstein almost lost their lives in a plane crash last month, imdb.com reports.

The socialite admits she occasionally flies to Las Vegas in the same type of plane Barker and Goldstein were onboard when it failed to clear an airport runway in South Carolina on Sept. 19.

Four people died in the tragedy and the two stars were hospitalized with severe burn injuries.

News of the crash stunned Hilton, who was onboard a plane bound for Milan, Italy, at the time, and now she's rethinking her own travel plans.

"I couldn't believe it," she says. "I'm scared to go

on small airplanes now. Sometimes in Vegas, I've been on that sort of plane and now I'll never go on one again."

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Big changes at the Wahlbergs

GOSSIP Mark Wahlberg and his fiancée Rhea Durham have named their newborn baby son Brendan Joseph, imdb.com reports.

The baby was born on Sept. 16 and joins siblings Ella Rae, five, and Michael, two.

It's a busy time for the Wahlberg clan. America's *Life + Style* magazine has just revealed the family is moving.

Wahlberg has put his Beverly Hills home on the market for \$15.9 million US — more than \$10 million more than the price he paid for the property.

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Meyer directs music video

Twilight author Stephenie Meyer has directed her first music video for alt-rock band Jack's Mannequin's single The Resolution. It was shot in Malibu, Calif. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Craig crashes celebration



CELEBRITY James Bond star Daniel Craig found himself the centre of attention at a recent New York baptism celebration, when he wandered into the party's venue after hearing the sound of bagpipes, **imdb.com** reports. The actor, who is currently in the Big

Apple promoting the new upcoming movie Quantum of Solace, stumbled upon the event when he entered Nichols restaurant in East Hampton on Saturday, according to the New York Post's gossip column Page Six.

"He walked in and ended up holding the baby and posing for photos," a source tells the publication. "He loves the Hamptons and has been spending a lot of time out there."

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Cattrall lends voice to GPS

Kim Cattrall is the new voice of TomTom navigation devices, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

The actress will provide directions to owners of the GPS devices, it has been revealed.

As well as providing standard instructions, Cattrall will also say lines including, "This is the city, darling. Anything goes!" and "Don't touch my Manolos!"

A spokesperson for TomTom said, "The idea is to add some

spice to the ride, allowing drivers a fun and unforgettable journey."

Jocelyn Vi-greux, president of TomTom, added, "Celebrity voice down-loads are

one of the many features TomTom offers to our customers to personalize their driving experience. With Kim Cattrall's voice helping them to navigate their trip, TomTom customers will not only travel safely and with less stress but will also be amused along the way."

Cattrall's voice will not come as standard on the machines, and interested users will have to pay \$12.95 US to download the special feature.

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Parker close to onscreen son

Weeds star Mary-louise Parker has heaped praise on her onscreen offspring Hunter Parrish, confessing she hopes her real-life son grows up like him, **imdb.com** reports.

Parker has a four-year-old son, William, with former partner Billy Crudup, and adopted her daughter Ash last year.

"Hunter is friendly and positive, Hunter wants harmony. I want my son to be

like Hunter. He's just good, and it's not fake or artificial," Parker tells USA Today newspaper.

Parker has also welcomed Parrish into her off-screen family, inviting him to spend annual holidays at her home.

"We text each other. He spent Thanksgiving at my house, he comes every year."

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Clooney has no Batman regrets

FILM Actor George Clooney has no regrets over his appearance as comic book hero Batman, insisting the poorly-received movie shot him to superstardom, **imdb.com** reports.

The former ER star landed the lead role in 1997's Batman and Robin and despite the movie's commercial success, it was universally panned by critics.

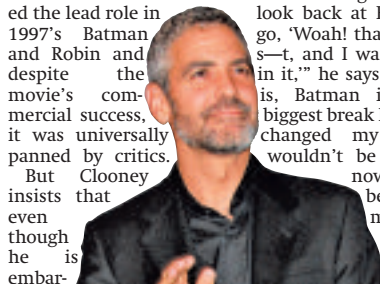
But Clooney insists that even though he is embar-

rassed by his poor performance in the movie, he is adamant playing the caped crusader helped raise his profile in the acting world.

"I don't regret anything. With hindsight it's easy to look back at Batman and go, 'Wow! that was really s---t, and I was really bad in it,'" he says. "The truth is, Batman is still the biggest break I ever had. It changed my career. I wouldn't be doing this now if it hadn't been for Batman."

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Crowe bulks up for role

FILM Russell Crowe has revealed that he packed on 63 extra pounds for his role in Ridley Scott's new suspense thriller Body of Lies, **People.com** reports.

The actor says bulking up was a pleasure.

"I'll have that cheese-burger for breakfast, thank you!" he jokes of his attitude toward the weight gain.

Though Crowe has been known in the past for his affinity to his native Australian

celebrity brief

Jessica Simpson to marry again?

GOSSIP Looks like singer Jessica Simpson and her football player boyfriend Tony Romo may be exchanging "I dos," **TMZ.com** reports.

The couple were recently spotted in a Neiman Marcus department store in Dallas, Tex., recently, reports the Chicago Sun-Times, and they were on the hunt for "big sparklers." Simpson and Romo are reportedly

already talking about a winter wedding, though "well after" the Super Bowl.

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Dita blasts nip and no-tell celebrities

GOSSIP Dita Von Teese has blasted celebrities who don't admit to having plastic surgery, **femalefirst.co.uk** reports.

The burlesque dancer, who previously admitted she had her breasts cosmetically enhanced when she was younger, says any famous person who has gone under the surgeon's knife should have the courage to be open about their decision.

"It's no secret that I had my breasts done," she says. "I will never apologize for having it done. I just wish more celebrities admitted to it."

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